

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY )	ORDER FOR AND NOTICE
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR )	OF HEARING
APPROVAL OF CONTINUATION OF THE )	
IGSPP FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE-YEAR )	NG98-010
PERIOD, OR UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ITS )	
PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT MAY BE )	
ELIMINATED, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST )	

On October 30, 1998, MidAmerican Energy (MidAmerican) filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an application for approval to continue its Incentive Gas Supply Procurement Program (IGSPP). The Commission approved a three-year IGSP beginning on November 1, 1995, on an experimental basis. MidAmerican requests that the Commission "continue the program for the later of an additional three-year period, or until such time as its purchased gas adjustment may be eliminated, whichever comes first."

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34A, specifically 1-26-17.1, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, 49-34A-12, 49-34A-13, 49-34A-13.1, 49-34A-17, 49-34A-19, and 49-34A-21. The parties have agreed to the following procedural schedule:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE</b>
June 17, 1999	Staff's Prefiled Testimony Due
June 30, 1999	MidAmerican Rebuttal Testimony Due

A hearing shall be held at 9:00 a.m., on July 7, 1999, in Room 412, State Capitol Building, 500 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota. All persons testifying shall be subject to cross-examination.

The issue at the hearing is whether the Commission shall grant MidAmerican's request to continue the IGSP for the later of an additional three-year period, or until such time as its purchased gas adjustment may be eliminated, whichever comes first.

The hearing shall be an adversary proceeding conducted pursuant to SDCL Chapter 1-26. All parties have the right to be present and to be represented by an attorney. These rights and other due process rights shall be forfeited if not exercised at the hearing. If you or your representative fail to appear at the time and place set for the hearing, the Final Decision will be based solely on the testimony and evidence provided, if any, during the hearing or a Final Decision may be issued by default pursuant to SDCL

1-26-20. After the hearing the Commission will consider all evidence and testimony that was presented at the hearing. The Commission will then enter Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and a Final Decision regarding this matter. As a result of this hearing, the Commission shall determine whether it shall grant Mid American's request to continue the IGSP for the later of an additional three-year period, or until such time as its purchased gas adjustment may be eliminated, whichever comes first. The Commission's Final Decision may be appealed by the parties to the state Circuit Court and the state Supreme Court as provided by law. It is therefore

ORDERED that the procedural schedule set forth above shall be followed by all parties to these proceedings. It is further

ORDERED that the hearing shall be held at 9:00 a.m., on July 7, 1999, in Room 412, State Capitol Building, 500 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, this hearing is being held in a physically accessible location. Please contact the Public Utilities Commission at 1-800-332-1782 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing if you have special needs so arrangements can be made to accommodate you.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1999.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>Altaire Kalbo</i></u>
Date: <u>6/15/99</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*James A. Burg*  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

*Pam Nelson*  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

*Laska Schoenfelder*  
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner